

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana held December 6, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Jasper Arts Center with President Gerald Gagne presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Gerald Gagne, Robin Norris, Doug Abbett, Michael Jones, Myra Schuetter, Sylvia Metzger, Don Weisheit, Pat Thyen, and Gloria Buecher. **Commission Members Absent**: Ann Hilgefort and Don Routson. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Kit Miracle, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance**: Councilmen Ray Howard, Randy Buchta and City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 1, 2005 meeting were approved with these corrections: Under Region 11 Report: 13 of the 15 Grants Agreement/Budget Modification Forms have been turned in. After the correction was made, **Gloria Buecher** moved, **Pat Thyen** seconded the approval of the minutes of the November 1, 2005 board meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Don Weisheit moved to approve the financial statement. **Gloria Buecher** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$24,241.13 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$39,995.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Don Weisheit** to accept the claims as presented. **Gloria Buecher** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported.

- Sports in Art exhibit is over.
- The fall classes have ended.
- The artist studio sale was held on December 3 & 4 at the train depot in conjunction with Jasper O'Tannenbaum Days. It was very successful.
- The Visual Arts Committee Exhibit is hung. There will be a reception held on Friday, December 9th. This is also the annual thank-you recognition.
- Winter classes are being scheduled. There will be two clay classes, one for school age children and one for adults. A bead weaving class, a watercolor class, and two pre-school art classes will also be offered.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- There were four educational residencies held in November. All went very well.
- Kathleen Gaffney served as the keynote speaker for a corporation-wide teacher in-service to kick off the Kennedy Center partnership. She also held a workshop for teachers.

Building and Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- The new technical assistant, Steven Dunn, will start working on December 20. He and Bryan will share responsibilities as building/technical assistants.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- Discussion was held on the draft of the Region 11 Cultural Plan. **Doug Abbett** moved to approve the Plan in broad form after slight modifications/clarifications are addressed. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- On February 13th there will be an Indiana Arts Advocacy Day. Board members were encouraged to submit entries for the Indiana Arts Leadership Awards that will be given out in four categories: arts administrator, arts advocate, arts educator, and arts volunteer leader/board member.

Performing Arts Report

Darla reported.

- The Performing Arts Committee held their first meeting to talk about the 2006/2007 Season. The next meeting will be held in January.
- Darla has talked to Sandi Patty's agent. The cost for a second performance is \$7,500. It was decided to wait to see if they will be willing to negotiate the price.
- The IU Alumni Association of Southwestern Indiana will be hosting a meet and greet reception with Chris Botti in the community room before his performance on January 21. Cost will be \$25 per person. The proceeds from the reception will be donated to the Arts Center expansion/renovation fund.
- Darla has spoken to an artist with local ties who works in Japanese Sumi ink. She is interested in displaying her artwork at the Arts Center, and Darla suggested the month of March to coordinate with the Portland Taiko performance. Her work would be displayed in the Community Room.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Discussion

Mike Jones reported.

- Mike requested that the building subcommittee meet again to discuss the building expansion/renovation.

Resolution on Donations

- Discussion was held on the Resolution regarding monetary donations. **Mike Jones** moved to accept the resolution. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

New Business

- A nominating committee was appointed for the 2006 election of officers. Robin Norris, Don Weisheit, and Doug Abbett will serve on the committee.

Adjournment

Myra Schuetter made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:18pm, **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 9-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3, 2006 at 4:30 pm.

Gerald Gagne – President

Attested